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Letter dated 10 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to enclose herewith the comments of the President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, on recent accusations made by the Russian Federation (see annex).

I would appreciate your kind assistance in having the present letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 34 (b), and of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 10 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Comments of the President: Russia's accusing Ukraine of terrorism in occupied Crimea is absurd and cynical

10 August 2016

Russia's accusations that Ukraine launched terror attacks in the occupied Crimea are equally as cynical and insane as its claims that there are no Russian troops in eastern Ukraine.

These fantasies pursue the only goal: a pretext for more military threats against Ukraine.

Ukraine resolutely condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations. We would never, ever, use terror to de-occupy Crimea.

Russia provides money and arms to support terrorism in Ukraine. It has become a State-led policy on the occupied areas of Crimea and eastern Ukraine that resembles the Soviet Great Terror.

Russia will fail in its efforts to undermine Ukraine's reputation in the international arena and to press for lifting sanctions with such provocative acts.

I urge Russian authorities to honour international law, especially to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and human rights.

I expect that Russia will implement security clauses of the Minsk accords, including through Normandy Four procedures.

Ukraine is devoted to restoring its sovereignty and territorial integrity exclusively through political and diplomatic means. That includes the de-occupation of Crimea.